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CLAIMS

5 1. A device for the facilitated insertion of the male member into a condom (4), comprising:

10 - a hollow element (1) for containing the condom (4), provided with an access aperture;

15 - means (2; 14) for fastening a brim of the condom (4) to the access aperture of the hollow element (1), in order to form an air chamber (5) between external walls of the condom (4) and internal walls of the hollow element (1); and

20 - means, associated with said hollow element (1), for creating a depression inside said air chamber (5) forcing adhesion of the condom (4) to the internal walls of the hollow element (1) and allowing the subsequent facilitated insertion of the male member,

25 the hollow element (1) being provided with mobile walls (6), said depression resulting from the increased volume of the hollow element (1),

30 the device being characterised in that it further comprises

35 - a bearing element (10) located inside the hollow element (1) for bearing a base (12) of the condom (4).

40 2. The device according to claim 1, characterized in that said means for creating a depression comprises a suction duct (3) provided with a non-return valve.

45 3. The device according to claim 1, characterized in that said means for creating a depression comprises a suction duct with flexible walls, the duct being apt to be closed by throttling.

50 4. The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that said mobile walls (6) are articulated in a telescopic relation therebetween.

55 5. The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the elevation of the bearing element (10) inside the hollow element (1) is adjustable.

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6. The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises means for avoiding contact between the external walls of the condom (4) and the internal walls of the hollow element (1).

5 7. The device according to claim 6, characterized in that said means for avoiding contact are removable.

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8. The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that said means (2) for fastening a brim of the condom (4) to the access aperture of the hollow element (1) are integrally formed therewith.

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15 9. The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises means for re-establishing, after said insertion, the internal pressure existing before the depression.

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20 10. A method for the facilitated insertion of the male member into a condom (4), comprising the steps of:

- inserting the condom (4) into a hollow element (1) so as to form an air chamber (5) between external walls of the condom (4) and internal walls of the hollow element (1);

25 - creating a depression in said air chamber (5), forcing adhesion of the condom to the internal walls of the hollow element (1), said depression being obtained by increasing the volume of the hollow element (1);

- inserting the male member inside the internal area of the condom (4); and

30 - removing the condom (4) from the hollow element (1), in order for said condom (4) to completely adhere to the male member,

characterised in that it further comprises the step of

- providing a bearing plane (11) for a base (12) of the condom (4) before said step of creating a depression.

35 11. The method according to claim 10, characterized in that said depression is obtained by suction of the air contained inside said hollow element (1).

a 12. The method according to claim 10 ~~or 11~~,

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characterized in that it furthermore comprises a step for re-establishing, after the removal of the condom (4) from the hollow element (1), the internal pressure existing before the depression.

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